

Amendments to the Claims

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in this application:

Listing of Claims

1-160. (Canceled)

161. (Currently amended) A method for adding a program of interest to a watch list using an interactive television program guide at least partially implemented on user television equipment having a display device, comprising:

displaying the program of interest on the display device;

determining if a user has been watching the program of interest for a specified period of time;

determining the amount of time the user has watched the program of interest;

in response to the user having watched the program of interest for the a specified amount of time, automatically adding the program of interest to the watch list; and

ranking the programs of interest included in the watch list based on the amount of time the programs have been watched.

162. (Previously presented) The method of claim 161 further comprising automatically removing the program of interest from the watch list in response to the user not having watched the program of interest for a second specified period of time.

163. (Previously presented) The method of claim 161 further comprising removing the program of interest from the watch list in response to user input.

164. (Previously presented) The method of claim 161 further comprising ranking the program of interest based on how long the user has watched the program of interest.

165. (Previously presented) The method of claim 164 further comprising placing the program of interest into the watch list in a position based on the ranking.

166. (Previously presented) The method of claim 161 wherein the program of interest is a promotion.

167. (Previously presented) The method of claim 166 further comprising automatically removing the program of interest from the watch list when the promotion is no longer available.

168. (Previously presented) The method of claim 161 further comprising automatically displaying the watch list prior to the start of a program on the watch list.

169. (Previously presented) The method of claim 168 further comprising displaying at the top of the watch list a program that is about to start.

170. (Previously presented) The method in claim 168 further comprising allowing the user to highlight a program on the watch list, and simultaneously displaying a program that the user is watching, the watch list, and information related to the highlighted program.

171. (Previously presented) The method in claim 170 wherein the information related to the highlighted program is a video associated with the highlighted program.

172. (Previously presented) The method in claim 170 wherein the information related to the highlighted program is a video image associated with the highlighted program.

173. (Previously presented) The method in claim 170 wherein the information related to the highlighted program is a description of the highlighted program.

174. (Currently amended) An interactive television system for adding a program of interest to a watch list using an interactive television program guide at least partially implemented on user television equipment, the user television equipment comprising:

a display device on which is displayed the program of interest;

control circuitry configured to:

determine if a user has been watching the program of interest for a specified period of time, ~~and;~~

determine the amount of time the user has watched the program of interest;

automatically add the program of interest to the watch list in response to the user having watched the program of interest for the specified period of time; and

rank the programs of interest included in the watch list based on the amount of time the programs have been watched.

175. (Previously presented) The system of claim 174 wherein the control circuitry is further configured to automatically remove the program of interest from the watch list in response to the user not having watched the program of interest for a second specified period of time.

176. (Previously presented) The system of claim 174 wherein the control circuitry is further configured to remove the program of interest from the watch list in response to user input.

177. (Previously presented) The system of claim 174 wherein the control circuitry is further configured to rank the program based on how long the user has watched the program.

178. (Previously presented) The system of claim 177 wherein the control circuitry is further configured to place the program of interest into the watch list in a position based on the ranking.

179. (Previously presented) The system of claim 174 wherein the program of interest is a promotion.

180. (Previously presented) The system of claim 179 wherein the control circuitry is further configured to automatically remove the program of interest from the watch list when the promotion is no longer available.

181. (Previously presented) The system of claim 174 wherein the control circuitry is further configured

to automatically display the watch list on the display device prior to the start of a program on the watch list.

182. (Previously presented) The system of claim 181 wherein the control circuitry is further configured to display at the top of the watch list a program that is about to start.

183. (Previously presented) The system of claim 181 wherein the control circuitry is further configured to allow the user to highlight a program on the watch list, and simultaneously display a program that the user is watching, the watch list, and information related to the highlighted program on the display device.

184. (Previously presented) The system of claim 183 wherein the information related to the highlighted program is a video associated with the highlighted program.

185. (Previously presented) The system of claim 183 wherein the information related to the highlighted program is a video image associated with the highlighted program.

186. (Previously presented) The system of claim 183 wherein the information related to the highlighted program is a description of the highlighted program.

187. (Previously presented) The method or system of any preceding claim, wherein the program of interest is one of a television program, a video-on-demand program, a near video-on-demand program, a previously recorded program, an Internet web page, a music channel, a digital audio program, a game, or a software application.

188. (New) The method of claim 161, further comprising ranking the programs of interest included in the watch list depending on program type.

189. (New) The method of claim 161, wherein the ranking the programs of interest included in the watch list is based on the amount of time the programs have been watched and the duration of the programs.

190. (New) The system of claim 174, wherein the control circuitry is further configured to rank the programs of interest included in the watch list depending on program type.

191. (New) The system of claim 174, wherein the ranking the programs of interest included in the watch list is based on the amount of time the programs have been watched and the duration of the programs.